

By the Petition of George Pearce of Cecil County Inn keeper it appears that he was fined by Cecil County Court at September term last the sum of three Pounds current Money for exceeding the rates in retailing spiritous liquors. The Petitioner states that during the late depleting war Foreign liquors of all kinds became so scarce and of such an extravagant price that the rates fixed by Cecil County Court for the retail prices in Ordinaries were as low or lower than good foreign liquors were by the gallon or Quarter Cask. That under these circumstances desirous of accommodating all who frequented his House kept as good liquors as he could get, but at the same time did not offer them generally for sale, but when called for stated the circumstances and that he could not sell them and be confined to the rates, but wished only such profit as was usual. That a gentleman who purchased under that express understanding being on the Grand Jury considered himself bound to present the Petitioner for exceeding the rates. The Petitioner states that he believes Cecil County to be the only County in that Judicial District in which the rates have not been raised during the war. The Board on consideration of which circumstances and from the recommendation of the Court of the said County do remit the said fine of three Pounds.

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By the Petition of James Hudson of Cecil County it appears that he was fined by Cecil County Court at September term last the sum of six Pounds current Money for selling spiritous liquors without licence. The Petitioner states that the offence committed against the laws of the state arose not from any intention on his part of defrauding the state of any part of its revenue, but from the circumstance of his having taken out a licence to retail which he conceived to be all that was necessary, but was informed after he was presented that the licence he had taken out was a United States licence and not a licence of the state of Maryland. The Petitioner states that he is poor and has a large family to support from his